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S. 2205

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO WAR-**
 2 **TIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION FOR**
 3 **WOMEN VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVICE-CON-**
 4 **NECTED MASTECTOMIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1114(k) of title 38,
 6 United States Code, is amended by inserting “of half or
 7 more of the tissue” after “anatomical loss” the second
 8 place it appears.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 10 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
 11 ment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to months
 12 that begin on or after that date.

13 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR COUNSELING AND**
 14 **TREATMENT FOR SEXUAL TRAUMA.**

15 Section 1720D of title 38, United States Code, is
 16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “During
 19 the period through December 31, 2004, the
 20 Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “, during
 22 the period through December 31, 2004,”; and

23 (2) in subsection (b)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “estab-
 25 lishment and”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “estab-
2 lishing a program” and inserting “operating a
3 program”.

4 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON FURNISHING OF HEALTH CARE TO**
5 **WOMEN VETERANS BY VETERANS HEALTH**
6 **ADMINISTRATION.**

7 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on
10 Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the House of Rep-
11 resentatives a report on the furnishing by the Veterans
12 Health Administration of health care for women veterans.

13 (b) REPORT ELEMENTS.—The report under sub-
14 section (a) shall set forth the following:

15 (1) A list of each Women Veterans’ Comprehen-
16 sive Health Center within the Veterans Health Ad-
17 ministration, including whether such Center is lo-
18 cated in a Department of Veterans Affairs medical
19 center or outpatient clinic.

20 (2) For each Center listed under paragraph
21 (1)—

22 (A) the staffing level of such Center, ex-
23 pressed in terms of number of full-time equiva-
24 lent employees (FTEEs);

1 (B) the health care services furnished by
2 such Center to women veterans, including the
3 health care services (including breast cancer
4 screening and cervical cancer screening) that
5 are furnished only for women; and

6 (C) the number of women veterans fur-
7 nished health care services by such Center dur-
8 ing the last fiscal year ending before the date
9 of the report.

10 (3) A list of each facility without a Women Vet-
11 erans' Comprehensive Health Center that furnishes
12 health care services to women veterans through a
13 full-service womens' primary care team, including
14 whether such facility is located in a Department
15 medical center or outpatient clinic.

16 (4) For each facility listed under paragraph
17 (3)—

18 (A) the staffing level of such facility for
19 the furnishing of health care services to women
20 veterans, expressed in terms of number of full-
21 time equivalent employees (FTEEs);

22 (B) the health care services furnished by
23 such facility to women veterans, including the
24 health care services (including breast cancer

1 screening and cervical cancer screening) that
2 are furnished only for women; and

3 (C) the number of women veterans fur-
4 nished health care services by such facility dur-
5 ing the last fiscal year ending before the date
6 of the report.

7 (5) For each Veterans Integrated Service Net-
8 work and Department medical center, the number of
9 hours per week that the Women Veterans' Coordi-
10 nator of such network or medical center, as the case
11 may be, is authorized to perform duties relating to
12 the furnishing of health care services to women vet-
13 erans.

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